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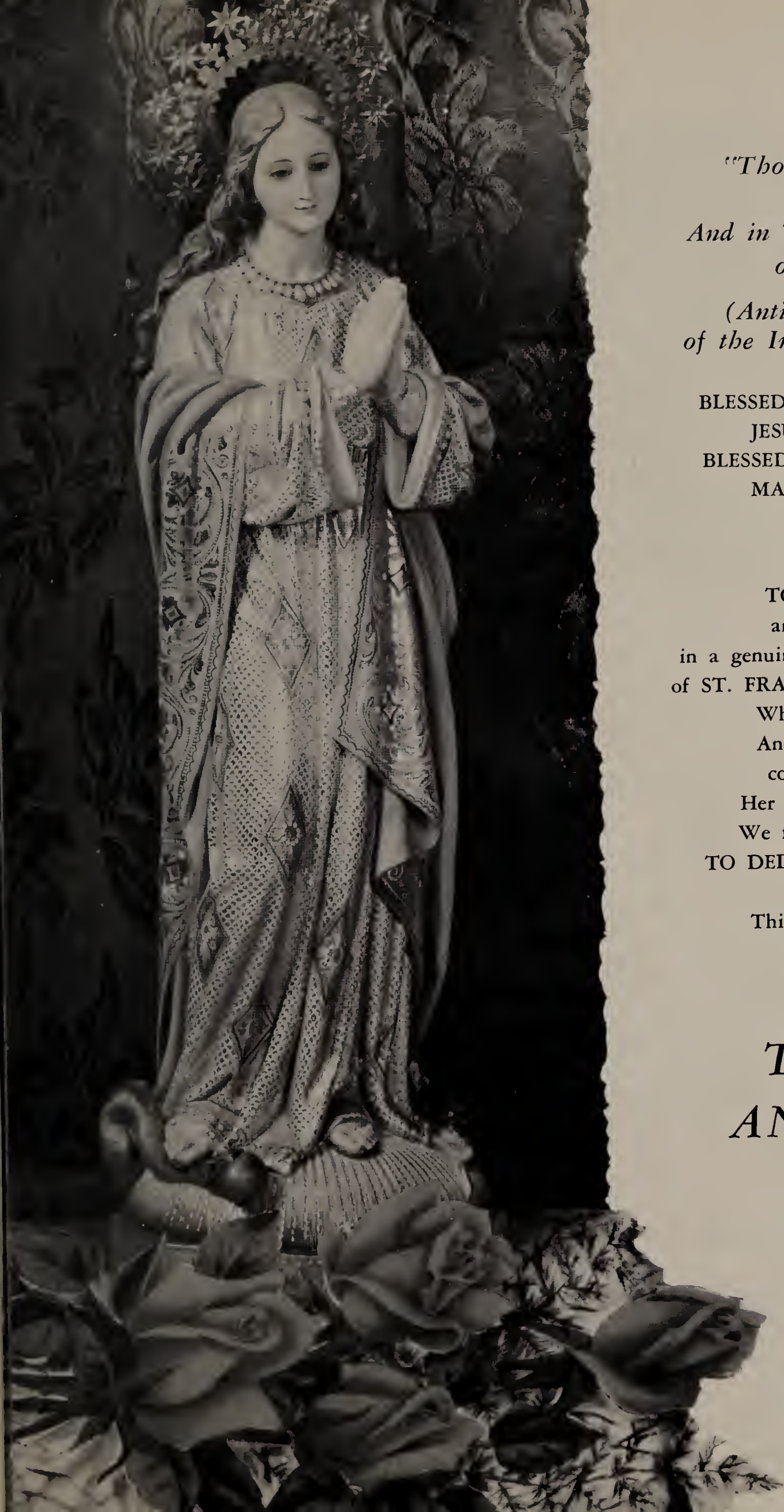


On Our Life's Way

To Christ, The King



Through Mary, The Queen.



*"Thou art all beautiful,
O Mary,
And in Thee there is no stain
of original sin"*

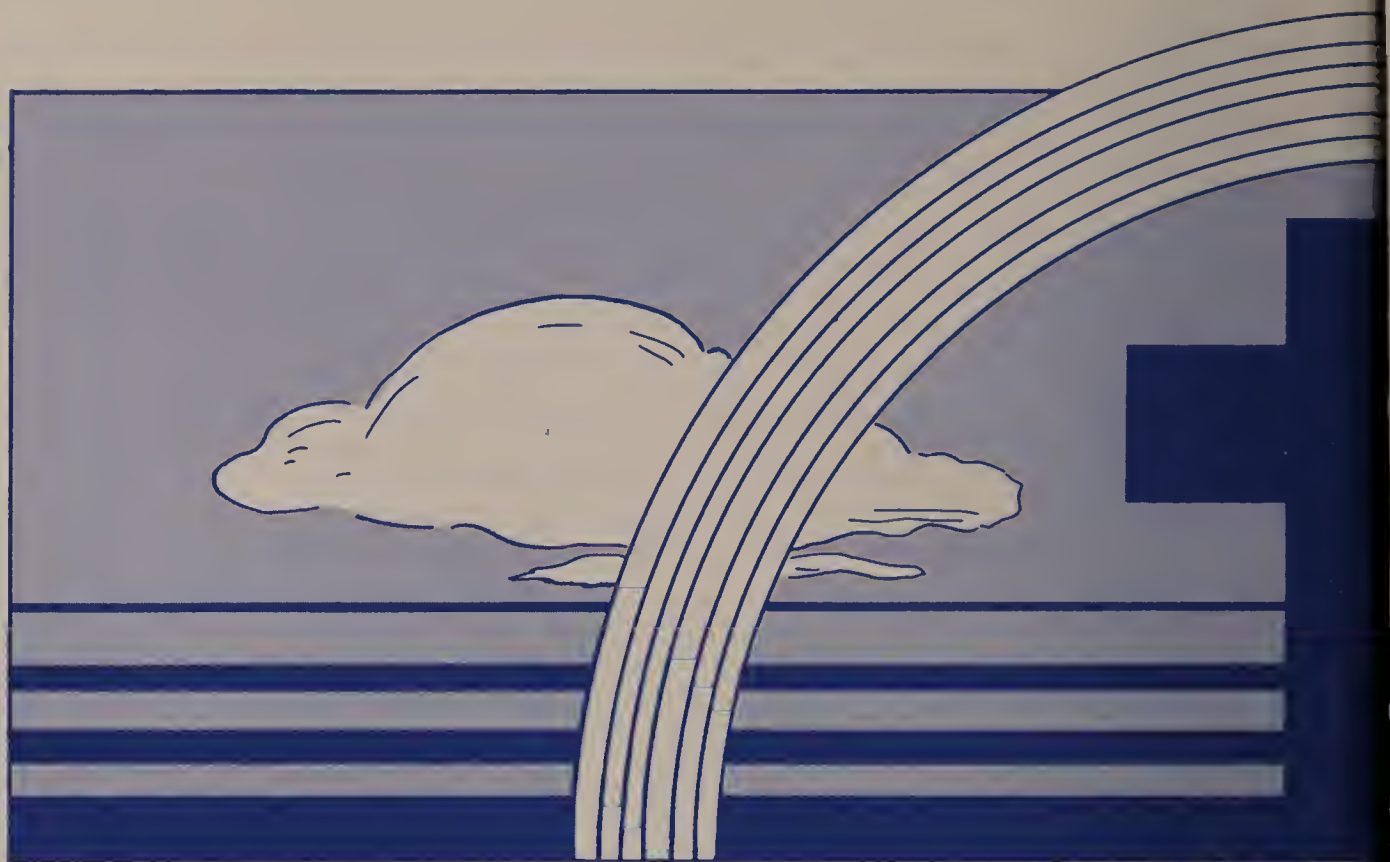
*(Antiphon for the Feast
of the Immaculate Conception)*

BLESSED is MARY through whom
JESUS is our BROTHER
BLESSED is JESUS through whom
MARY is our MOTHER

TO GOD'S MOTHER
and OURS therefore,
in a genuine MARY-LIKE DEVOTION
of ST. FRANCIS and HIS HOLY SONS,
Who so ardently taught
And in succeeding years
copiously wrote about
Her Immaculate Conception
We feel uniquely privileged
TO DEDICATE most affectionately
Our humble work
This our YEARBOOK —

*THE 1954
ANGELICAN*

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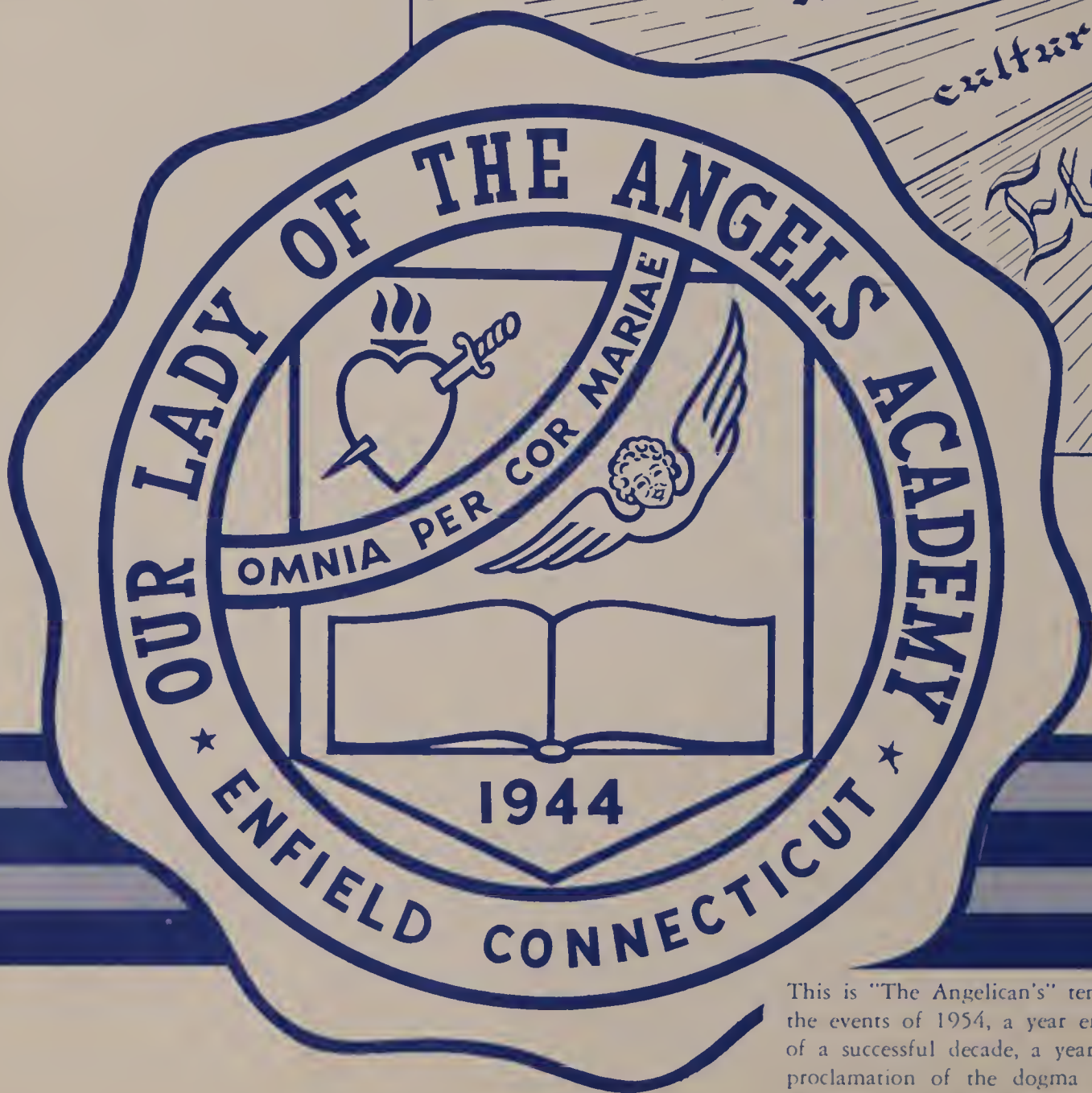


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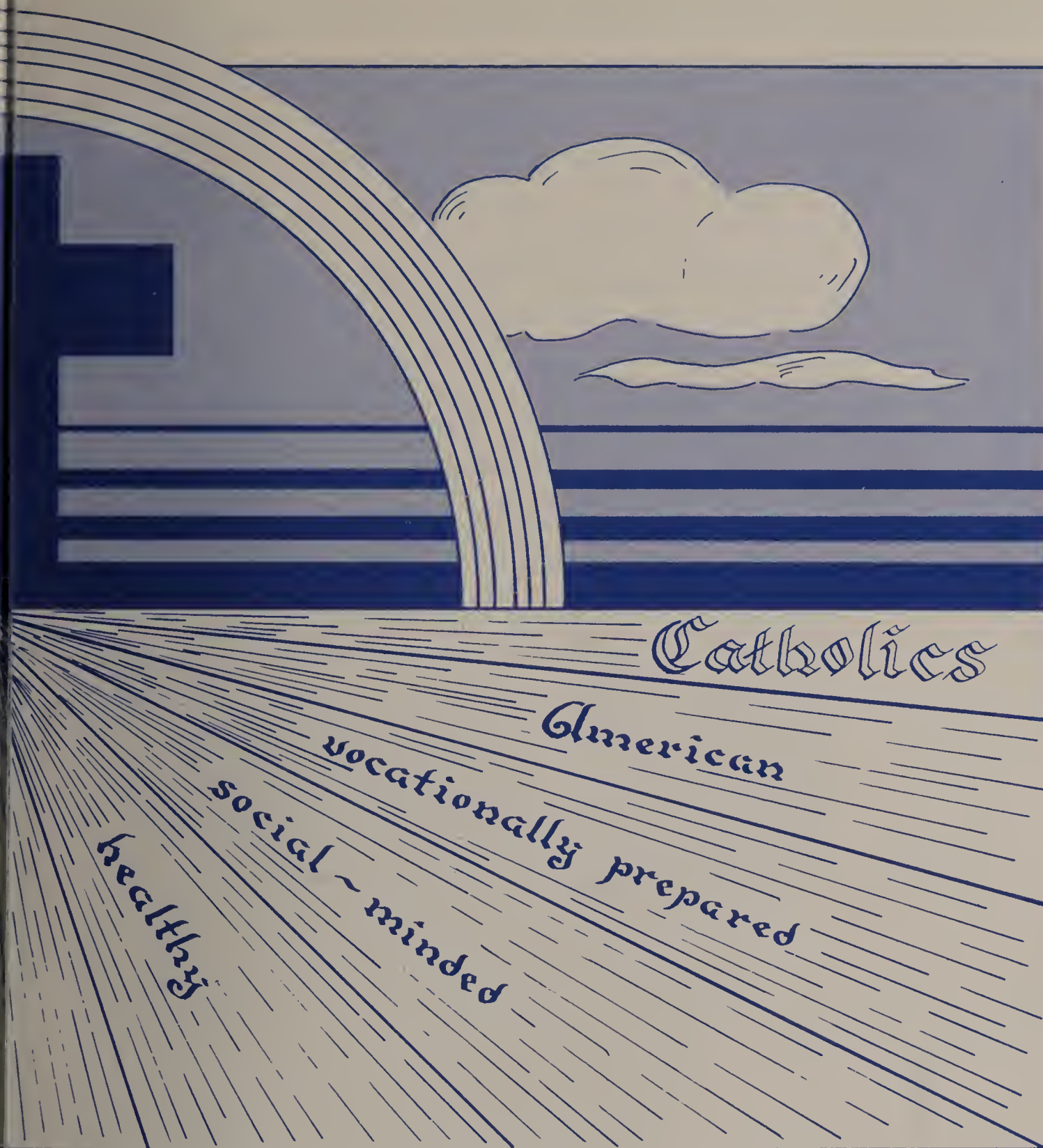
intelligent

cultured

eternal growth
spiritually vigorous



This is "The Angelican's" tenth year. The pages that follow portray the events of 1954, a year embodying the culmination of the work of a successful decade, a year commemorating the centennial of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God who has been and always will be OUR LIFE—OUR SWEETNESS—OUR HOPE.



OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS ACADEMY

Angelican

Conducted by the Felician Sisters — Enfield, Connecticut

*Uplifted by the charm of the Immaculate Conception
We write the praises of God's Mother and ours.*

I am the Mother of Fair Love
and of fear, and of knowledge,
and of holy HOPE.

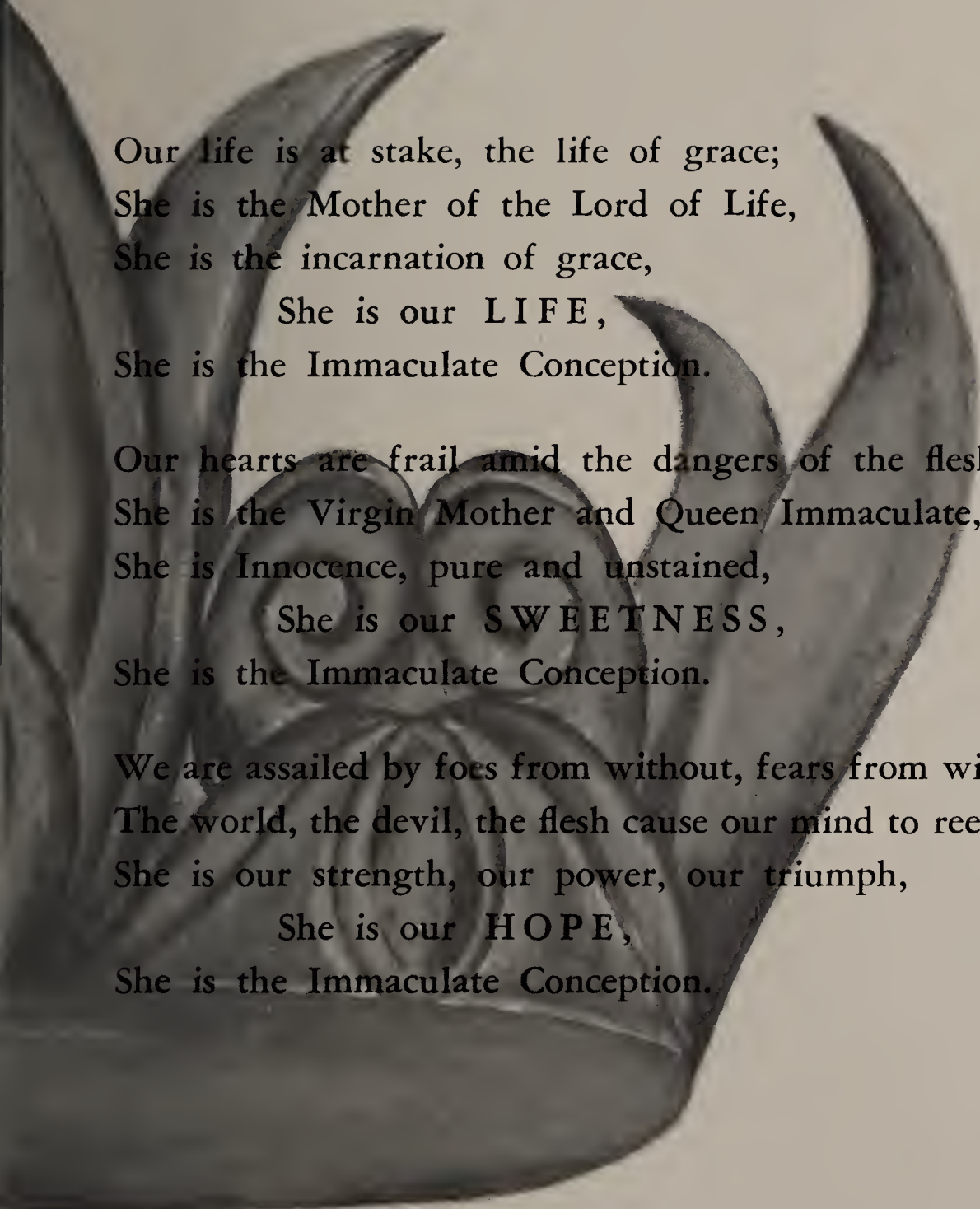
In me is all grace of the way
and of truth,
In me is all Hope of LIFE,
and of virtue.

Come over to me, all ye that desire me
And be filled with my fruits.

For my spirit is SWEET above honey,
And my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb.

My memory is unto everlasting generation.

Ecclesiasticus XXIV, 24-28



Our life is at stake, the life of grace;
She is the Mother of the Lord of Life,
She is the incarnation of grace,

 She is our LIFE,
She is the Immaculate Conception.

Our hearts are frail amid the dangers of the flesh;
She is the Virgin Mother and Queen Immaculate,
She is Innocence, pure and unstained,

 She is our SWEETNESS,
She is the Immaculate Conception.

We are assailed by foes from without, fears from within;
The world, the devil, the flesh cause our mind to reel, the heart to quake.
She is our strength, our power, our triumph,

 She is our HOPE,
She is the Immaculate Conception.

Pope Pius XII

Ardent Herald of Mary
Gloriously
Reigning



For Mary's eternal glory and honor

HIS HOLINESS

In May 1946, sent a Cardinal Legate to Fatima and crowned Mary "Queen of the World." (Regina Mundi)

In May 1948, through his encyclical "Auspicia quaedam" called on all the faithful to implore the Blessed Virgin Mary for peace.

On November 1, 1950, through the apostolic constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" defined and promulgated as an article of faith the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On July 23, 1952, in an apostolic letter addressed directly the Russian people and informed them that he had consecrated the Russian people in a "very special way" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On September 8, 1953, issued the encyclical "Fulgens Corona" proclaiming the world-wide observance of the Marian Year from December, 1953 to December 1954, to commemorate the centenary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

On November 11, 1953, authorized the release by the Sacred Penitentiary of a decretal which set forth in detail the special indulgences which the faithful could gain during the Marian Year.



Through his effort and benediction the message of Mary was brought to public notice for a lengthy period of weeks through the powerful medium of television. Surely, this act on part of the Archbishop was a potential factor for the spread of filial devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God in and beyond the archdiocese of Hartford.

His Excellency
MOST REV. HENRY J. O'BRIEN
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

Behold, my Lord has delivered to me all things; there is nothing that is not within my power, nothing that He has not turned over to me.

*(Antiphon at Vespers — Feast of Mary,
Mediatrice of Graces)*

In his frequent exhortations he led us to admire unto imitation and trustful surrender of ourselves to Mary.

AUXILIARY BISHOP
His Excellency
Most Rev. John F. Hackett, D.D.



Go forward, therefore, to carry to perfection with one mind what you have begun; and let not any one of you be deterred by any difficulty or labor.

POPE LEO XIII

MOTHER
MARY LAURA, C.S.S.F.
Provincial Superior



SISTER MARY VITERBIA, C.S.S.F.
Principal
Chemistry, Mathematics



MOTHER
MARY SIMPLICITA, C.S.S.F.
Superior General



SISTER MARY PONTIA, C.S.S.F.
Librarian
Algebra, Library Science



SISTER MARY INFANTA, C.S.S.F.
Biology, English



SISTER MARY AMADEUS, C.S.S.F.
Social Sciences
English

SISTER MARY VIRGINIA, C.S.S.F.
Secretarial Subjects



O CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN of Faith,
bathe our minds with the eternal
truths!

O FRAGRANT LILY of all holiness,
captivate our hearts with your
heavenly perfume!

O CONQUERESS of evil and death,
inspire in us a deep horror of sin
which makes the soul
detestable to God and a
slave to hell!

YOU ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL, O MARY!
You are the GLORY, you are the JOY,
you are the HONOR of our people!

(Excerpts from the Marian Prayer
By Pope Pius XII)



SISTER MARY ANGELICA, C.S.S.F.
Business Subjects



SISTER MARY EVELYN, C.S.S.F.
French, Music



SISTER MARY DOLORIA, C.S.S.F.
English, Journalism



SISTER MARY ARCHANGELA, C.S.S.F.
Latin, Music



SISTER MARY LAURETTA, C.S.S.F.
Religion, Dramatics



THE
SUNSHINE
OF THE
HEART

Mary, God's Mother and Ours

Mary is called Mother. And when is Mary not a mother? Every letter of that word "mother" spells loyalty, sacrifice, and love. It speaks of days of anxious watching and loving care, of generous giving and compassionate affection. A mother's heart is a divine creation. No one but God could have thought of motherhood. No one but God could have given us a mother.

So wonderful a creation is motherhood that God Himself determined to have a Mother. And Mary was this Mother. By God's grace then Mary possesses the singular privilege of divine Motherhood. All the qualities of Christ's body, the dispositions and graces of His character are derived from His human Mother. He was like Mary in form and feature. The light of her eyes shone in Him, the smile of His lips was as the smile of His Mother, and the inflection of His voice was like the echo of her own. The qualities of His human soul and human heart were instilled in Him from the mind and heart of His Mother. And God knowing that His only Son would derive from this Mother all that was human in Him, made that Mother to the measure of the greatest of the children of men. And when we say that Mary is the Mother of God we have exhausted the measure of her dignity. When that is said, all is said. It resumes and includes everything. Every honor is contained for Mary in the title of Mother of God. It is an immense prerogative for her to possess with the Heavenly Father a mutual Son.

If Christ is like His Mother in the order of nature, she is, without doubt, like Him in the order of grace, and grace has its source in Him. Mary then is what she is because of Christ. She is the Mother of Jesus in the flesh; she is the Mother of His members in the Spirit.

Motherhood consists above all in the communication of life. Mary fulfilled this function of motherhood in giving life to Jesus, Our Saviour, and in giving to us, her children, the spiritual life of our souls.

Motherhood has a two-fold aspect: physical and spiritual. Just as physical motherhood is not confined to conception and childbearing but must continue in the rearing and education of the child until it can fend for itself, so too spiritual motherhood is not merely that of conceiving and giving birth to the life of their souls. The role of motherhood must be prolonged until the supernatural life is beyond all the dangers that assail it. In God's plan, such is the function of Mary's spiritual motherhood in regard to men. Such too is the role of all who enter into life through her. In this plan every young miss, every woman must co-operate with Mary, just as she would have shared, in God's original plan, in the role of Eve. Every young miss, every woman is to be a source of life, sharing with others what she received. She must be a transmitter, a source of supernatural life to all with whom she comes in contact, and in order to transmit that life, she must first possess it. She must be a spiritual mother, and that she cannot be unless she moulds herself on the virginity and the Maternity of Mary. She must, like Mary, consecrate all there is of woman in her to God.

"O Mother of my life, let my heart die to every life and live of thy life. Let my life be animated by thy spirit and inflamed with thy love, that together with thee, it may forever bless, love, and praise Him Who is life essential, the first and sovereign principle of all life, whose infinite desire it is to communicate life to all men."



Eva Kirch, (standing) foreign exchange student from Germany, interests her American friend-students with her views on American government and labor practices.

Piously disposed, on that memorable December 7, 1953, the Academy students were privileged to assist Mother M. Simplicita and Mother M. Laura in the official opening of the Oratory, a special project initiating the formal observance of the Marian Year at the Academy.



Our Lady in full splendor and glory at her new home.

Seniors

KAREN M. BLOOM

St. Patrick Thompsonville, Conn.

Alpha Beta Science Club 4; Christopher 3, 4; Dramatics 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Library Club 4.

Determined to be something in God's world.

ROSE M. BORRACCI

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club Treasurer 2, 3; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Knows how to tint life's difficulties with faith and humor.

ALICE C. COBB

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2; Literary Club 1, 2; Maris Stella Club 2.

Her life is arched with kindness and calm.

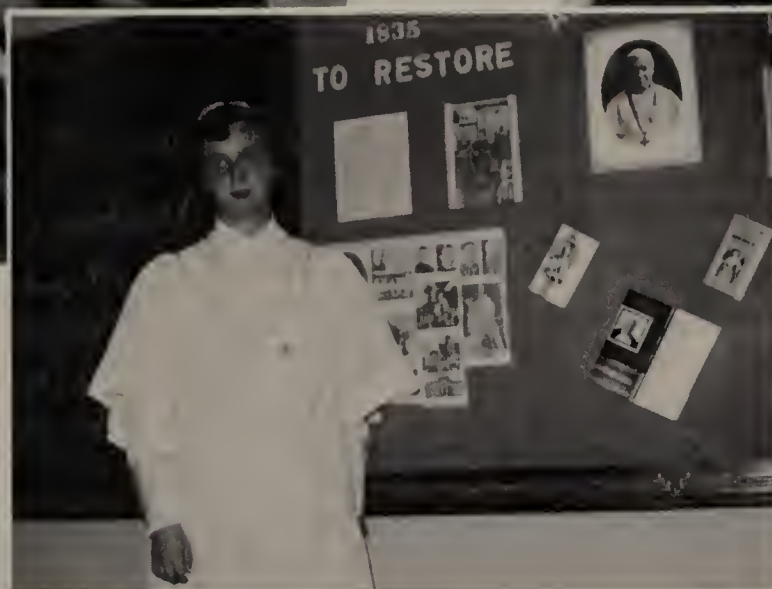




Seniors' gift to Mary — a project showing forth the fruit of Her womb — the Christmas Rose.



Seniors who sponsored and took active part in the golden jubilee of the encyclical Motu Proprio.



Joan Jedziniak as St. Pius X at the assembly commemorating the 50th anniversary of the encyclical Motu Proprio.

BARBARA A. CORMIER

All Saints Somersville, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2; Christopher 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 3; Maris Stella Club 3, Treasurer 4.

Holds joy in giving comfort and courage to the needy.



JOAN A. FARRELL

St. Bernard Hazardville, Conn.

Alpha Beta Science Club 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, Vice-president 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4; Diocesan Labor-Management Essay Contest; Second Prize 1.

Tall in her size; set in her ways.



PATRICIA A. GANTLEY

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Club 2.

On the stage she is at her best.





VALEDICTORIAN

Her every wish is like a prayer.

JOAN A. KNYCH

St. Joseph

Webster, Mass.

"The Angelite" Reporter 1; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, Vice-president 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, President 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, Vice-president 3, 4; Literary Club Assistant Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Club 2, 3; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, Vice-president 4.



SALUTATORIAN

Scholarly in her ways; ideal in her school spirit.

JOAN A. JEDZINIAK

St. Adalbert

Thompsonville, Conn.

Alpha Beta Science Club Treasurer 4; "The Angelite" Reporter 1, 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, President 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, President 4; "Parade of Youth" Correspondent; Junior Advisory Board of Hartford *Courant*; Charles-Palmer-Davis Medal for Current Events 4; Americanism Essay Contest: First Prize 4; SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT.



Ruth Molinski '53 and Elizabeth Sullivan '53 in solemnity and grace lead the graduation procession.

Congratulations!
Mary
Love You!





Inspires all with her gracious vitality and willing helpfulness.

JEANNETTE D. KIEJKO

St. Bernard Hazardville, Conn.

Alpha Beta Science Club 4; "The Angelite" Reporter 2; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 1, 3, 4; Writers' Club Secretary 4.



Her greatest happiness comes from ACTION.

MARYANN T. LOS

Immaculate Conception

Indian Orchard, Mass.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Club 2; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4; Writers' Club 3.



In school plays she rendered versatile roles.

CECILE A. MORIN

Sacred Heart

Suffield, Conn.

"The Angelite" Reporter 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 2, 3, Secretary 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4.



Business "Sales" Class demonstrating the Economy Plans.



Sister Mary Evelyn guides a French group to read intelligently
LE FRANCAIS A LA PAGE.



Angelites in Catholic Action!
Making and packing rosaries for
the Missions under the direction
of Sister Mary Lauretta.



More Catholic Action! Seniors
on their way to distribute
Christmas Sunshine Baskets.



Still more Catholic Action! Seniors share
with Eva (extreme left) the genuine spirit
of Christian democracy.

JANE M. PASTORMERLO

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2,
Vice-president 3, 4; Christopher
1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 1, 2,
3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 4; Glee Club
1, 2, 3, 4.

*Her ways ever speak of neatness
and graciousness.*

CAROLE E. QUAGLIAROLI

Sacred Heart Suffield, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2,
3; Christopher 1, 2, 3; Dramatics
1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Literary Club 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella
Club 2, 3.

*Her smiling helpfulness to oth-
ers has been the expression of her
heart.*



The Marian Library Circle under the leadership of Sister Mary Pontia learning how to use the Periodical Index.



Senior Panelists speak of Mary's glory in Music, Art, and Devotion at the annual Open House.

Mrs. Joseph Glista presents Eleanore Statkiewicz '54 a scholarship check awarded by the Polish Junior League of Connecticut — Thompsonville - Suffield Chapters.



ELAINE M. QUAGLIAROLI
St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 2, 4; Maris Stella Club 2, 3.

A most faithful visitor to Our Lady's Oratory.

EILEEN M. RABBETT
St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club President 2, Vice-president 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 4; Library Club Secretary 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3.

Enriches many with her friendly ways.

CAMILLE L. ST. PETER
St. Adalbert Providence, R. I.

"The Angelite" Reporter 2, Assistant Editor 3, Editor-in-chief 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, Secretary 3, President 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 4; Maris Stella Club 2; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Writers' Club 3, 4; **SENIOR CLASS SECRETARY.**

In melody, in verse, and in prayer a most ardent devotee of Mary.





Heaven smiles on her many kind favors.

ELIZABETH V. SAJEK

St. Mary Middletown, Conn.
Christian Citizenship Forum 4;
Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics
1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4.



Sends her pleasant smile a long, long way.

ANN T. SIEMIONKO

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.
Christian Citizenship Forum 2,
3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Com-
mercial Club 2, 3; Dramatics 2,
3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



Always devoted to duty; always solicitous for others.

EILEEN M. SKOWER

St. Adalbert Thompsonville
Alpha Beta Science Club 4;
Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 4;
Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club
1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club President
4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Writ-
ers' Club Vice-president 4; SEN-
IOR CLASS TREASURER.



Sister Mary Doloria helps a group of English Literature students to review for the comprehensive Examinations.

Our Janie — the Windsor Locks Centennial Queen!



News flash with untold speed—
Jane Pastormerlo chosen centen-
nial Windsor Locks Queen.
Friend Angelites form a guard
of honor at school.





Blessed with a beautiful voice and dramatic talent.

ELEANOR P. STATKIEWICZ

St. Mary Middletown, Conn.

"The Angelite" Reporter 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, Secretary 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Club 2, 3; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4; Writers' Club 3.



A faithful admirer of St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary.

CLAIRE M. SZCZECHOWICZ

St. John Baptist Salem, Mass.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Vice-president 2, President 3; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4.

We sing our way in a colorful procession to
Our Lady of the Campus

Salve mater misericordiae,
Mater Dei, et mater veniae,
Mater spei, et mater gratiae,
Mater plena sanctae laetitiae; O Maria!
Salve decus humani generis,
Salve Virgo dignior ceteris,
Quae virgines omnes transgrederis,
Et altius sedes in superis, O Maria!

Striving for speed and efficiency in the
Business Arts.



Seniors symbolize the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries at the re-enactment of the Living Rosary before the Grotto.





Cherished memories of Washington, D. C. (above) with Senator Purtell of Connecticut in the Vice President's office; (center) before the Liberty Bell; (extreme right) in a cozy spot.

**BERNADETTE M.
SZCZEPKOWSKA**

St. Mary So. Boston, Mass.

"The Angelite" Reporter 1; Christian Citizenship Forum 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2; Literary Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella Club Secretary 2, 3; Polish Circle 1, Assistant Secretary 2, 3, President 4; Quill and Scroll 3; Writers' Club 3, President 4.

Her poetic thoughts blend with her quiet, serious ways.

JOAN V. TRAVERSO

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 2, 3, President 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Her most artistic talents testify of God's gifts.



HERE AND
THERE
IN THE NATION'S
CAPITAL



On the
steps of the
Capitol.



At the Franciscan Monastery



Before the White House

MARY JANE F. WITKOS

St. John Baptist Salem, Mass.
"The Angelite" Reporter 4;
Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 4;
Christopher 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club
1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 2, 4;
Maris Stella Club 2; Polish Circle
1, 2, 3, Vice-president 4.

*In work, conscientious; at play,
pleasant.*

GENE ANN M. YOUNG

St. Patrick Thompsonville, Conn.
Christian Citizenship Forum 2,
3; Christopher 1, 2, 3; Dramatics
1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library
Club 2, 3; Maris Stella Club 2.

*Aspiring to become a steadfast
model of Florence Nightingale—
"The Lady with the Lamp."*

ROSALIE C. ZDROJEWSKA

Holy Trinity Lowell, Mass.
Alpha Beta Science Club Presi-
dent 4; Christian Citizenship Fo-
rum 2, 3, 4; Christopher 1, 2, 3,
4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Polish
Circle 1, 2, 3, 4; SENIOR CLASS
VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Her kindly "hello" and appre-
ciative heart prompts all to wonder
and admiration.*



The Root - The Rod - The Flower - The Fruit

THE ROOT

The seeds which were planted in our youth began to take root in September of the Jubilee Year 1950, as thirty-two of us, rather jolly yet somewhat frightened Freshmen, entered the portals of Our Lady of the Angels Academy. The time was not long when the "Angelite's Way of Life" became our way of life. The virtues and ideals of Our Lady were daily set before us and we slowly yet tactfully tried to absorb them.

But in order to give our roots full growth in the Freshman year, the ground was thoroughly shaken and watered by a special process — INITIATION. This rite reddened our cheeks, strengthened our school spirit, and made us proud bearers of the O.L.A. uniform and emblem. Freshmen studies and numerous school activities throughout the year nourished and fortified our roots which were to bring forth, in the following year, the ROD.

THE ROD

The sunshine of friendly smiles, although ample, was not sufficient to insure growth and sturdiness. Our rods were to challenge winds and storms in the Gallic wars with Caesar and in the complicated interpretations of Euclid's theorems. Our rods too were to bear witness to the immense struggle America put up to attain political and cultural independence and to defend the dignity and proper respect of human rights.

The sophomore year was indeed a challenging one. One difficulty surpassed another. One responsibility followed another. The many assignments differed one from the other only in type but not in degree or intensity. Yet all tasks ran the same course — the Mary Way, the way of courage, truth and goodness.

At the end of a hard Sophomore year we emerged stronger in our resolve to walk the path of righteousness. Our "rod came forth" bearing the bud which in turn was to blossom into the flower of our Junior Year.

THE FLOWER

The Junior year was a beauteous one. It was the year of our budding and bloom. With our roots deeply embedded in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with our rods made hardy and strong through Sophomore training we took our rightful place in the ranks of upperclassmen. Our buds of Angelite ideals slowly burst open with our selection of our life's motto: "To Jesus through Mary; through the Queen to the King," and with the impressive Ring Day preparation and ceremonies we reached the apex of our Junior year bloom. Ring Day was the embodiment of the very spirit of the Academy. From then

on we continued to be nourished in the ever-exchanging waters of rich friendly smiles and as the Junior Blooming Season was coming to a close, we were ready to produce our fruit.

THE FRUIT

In our Senior Year, we were really amazed to learn how much joy and contentment came from the returns of our early training.

"... And the flower brought forth the fruit." For three years we tried our utmost to respond to the inspirations of grace ever deepening our roots in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever strengthening our rods in spirit of Mary, ever drawing energy from the divine rays of the Real Presence for our lives to bloom with the fragrance of the "Marian" spirit.

In the Senior year we learned too that our budding, flowering, and bearing was not and must not be of short duration. Our growth in Mary was a perennial one, and the fragrance of our lives extends throughout all seasons and all years. We are, therefore, not only bearers of fruit, but everbearers of fruit.

Many were the fruits of joy in our last year at O.L.A. Outstanding ones however number seven. Our first and foremost joy that we experienced was one that formed the theme of our year — the center of all our actions — the MARIAN YEAR commemorating the centennial of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. From this joy flowed other joys. The second and third joy were twin joys; these came concurrently: — the gracious visit of Mother Mary Simplicita, the Superior General of the Felician Sisters who officially opened the Marian Year at the Academy with the opening of a beautiful blue-room oratory. The splendor and solitude of the oratory brought us daily to the feet of our Queen Mother. Our fourth joy was one of devotion. A group of our senior students were privileged to take CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) teacher training course at Hartford, Connecticut, and on certain days of the week traveled to nearby schools to give religious instruction to release-time classes. Our fifth joy we experienced on the school campus at the foot of Our Lady's Grotto. We were all a part of an impressive ceremony — Dedication of St. Bernadette. Our hearts were filled to capacity with a joy that cannot be described, for the grotto, our sacred spot, gained more grandeur with the beautiful imported statue of St. Bernadette, and the bright flood lights set in to illumine the resemblance of Our Mother, who is Our Life, Our Sweetness, Our Hope. Our sixth joy gave us many rich and cherished experiences. These we gained on our senior trip to Washington, D. C. The memories of our seventh joy shall ever bear fruit. It was the crowning jewel of our life and growth in Mary. — GRADUATION.



Our Love
OUR SWEET PRINCESS
Our Heart

Heart of Mary, Sweet Joy of Our Hearts

May God be ever praised who in Mary has given us a great example of the virtue of purity! Mary's heart was clothed with purity so radiant that next to God's, it is impossible to conceive one of greater purity.

Purity is most intimately associated with the mystery of Divine Motherhood. Christ's love for the virtue of purity was so great that He wished to be conceived of a mother without the intervention of any human agency. He wished to be conceived of a virgin mother by a miracle, unique in every way, one which shall never be repeated.

The Immaculate Conception, therefore, gives thoughts of joy and comfort. By Mary's virginity, by her Immaculate purity, God made her worthy to be His Mother. And she brought forth Christ, through whose merits she gained especial power of dispensing to us the virtue of purity.

Mary's esteem for virginal purity was high. From infancy she wished to preserve this beautiful virtue. Consequently, from infancy she renounced all affection for material things and consecrated her life, her entire self to God.

In Mary's particular case the virtue of purity was the effect of God's grace, and Mary co-operated wholeheartedly through mortification and prayer to keep her virginal body wholly saintly, wholly chaste, wholly the dwelling place of God.

Mary's love of purity and the beauty of modesty manifested itself in her very appearance. The posture of her body, the grace of her movements, the tone of her voice, the choice of her words, the whole exterior of her person spoke of her sincerity of mind and heart.

With Mary's spirit of purity concurrently ran her spirit of prayer. In her infancy she began this holy exercise, and as she grew in years, she advanced in the fervour of her prayers. She prayed unceasingly. Two currents were ever in motion in the prayerful heart of Mary, the one consisting of the prayers that went up from the heart of Mary to the heart of God, the other of the blessings and graces that came down from the heart of God to fill the heart of Mary.

What an example for us! What a bitter reproach for those who pay no attention to the dangers and temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. They neither mortify themselves nor seek God's help in prayer, but they blindly throw themselves into the fires of temptation.

The fruit of Mary's purity is abundant. To countless souls throughout the centuries Mary's purity was sweetness. Words of the Holy Scripture apply fittingly to Mary and her faithful children. "They shall make me a sanctuary and I will dwell in the midst of them." (Exodus XXV-8)

Blessed is Mary's pure heart having loved and desired nothing but Christ who alone is amiable and desirable.

Blessed indeed are the hearts of the true children of Mary who strive to live in conformity with the most pure Heart of God's Mother and their Mother.

A babe in the house
is a well-spring of pleasure
and delight

Patricia S.



Eileen S.



Joan K.



Camille St.P.



Ann S.

Eileen R.



Betty S.



Mary Jane W.



Carole L.

Jane Ann Y.

Elaine L.



Joan F.



Jane P.



Margann L.



Rose B.



Karen B.



Barbara C.

Rosalie L.



Claire S.



Jeannette K.



Bernadette S.

Eleonor S.



Joan T.



Alice C.



Cecile M.



Joan J.



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The Words of Mary

The beauty and grandeur of Mary is inexhaustible. She is beautiful always, beautiful everywhere. In this, our Marian Year, the young and old glory in her grandeur and speak with joy of her beauty. There seems to be no phase of Mary's life that the faithful fail to touch upon. This essay is the result of the Angelites' reflection on the words spoken by Mary.

The prophet Isaias sings of the word of God, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return no more thither, but soak the earth, and water it, and make it to spring, and give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be which shall go forth from my Mouth."

Mary's life as recorded in the Scripture is one of few words, but they are words of profound depth of thought and virtue of religion, words that bring great fruit throughout the centuries.

Mary spoke twice to the angel, saying the first time, "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" and the second time, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." Mary spoke twice, also to St. Elizabeth, the first time to salute her, and again when she sang her Magnificat. She spoke twice also to her Son, once in the Temple when she said, "Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing," and again at the marriage feast at Cana, when she said, "They have no wine." Once also Mary spoke to the servants at the feast, "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye."

Four of these Words of Mary belong to the period before our Lord's birth. The two first belong to the mystery of the Annunciation, the two next to the mystery of the Visitation. The fifth Word was spoken during what we term the hidden life, and the two last belong to the very beginning of Christ's public preaching having been spoken at the marriage feast in Cana.

All the seven Words of Mary are connected with most marvellous mysteries. The first four throw a brilliant light on the mysteries of the Annunciation and the Visitation; the last two on Christ's first external miracle, the change of the water into wine. The fifth Word of Mary spoken to the twelve year old Christ in the Temple reveals Mary's position in regard to Him, Who took upon Himself, in a certain sense, the great office of the Teacher of mankind, as the work which His Father had given Him to do. The sixth and seventh Word of Mary at the marriage feast at Cana reveals to us Christ's design as to what we may expect from her intercession at all times.

The First Word

The First Word of Mary was spoken at the time of her Annunciation, when the Angel entered the room in which she was engaged in prayer. "And the Angel said unto her: 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women.'" Mary did not make an immediate answer. She remained silent. Her first use of speech was not to use it. Before the word of speech comes the word of silence. For the virtue of prudence in speech consists as much in not speaking as in speaking at the right time. "Who having heard was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be." Mary heard, reflected, and was troubled. Why was she troubled? She was disturbed at the sound of praises so far exceeding her own lowly estimate of herself. Her humility was alarmed at the greatness of the salutation. The first few words of the Angel which conveyed to Mary the first part of the message of God did not fully unfold the whole of that divine message. "But Mary said to the Angel: 'How shall this be done; I know not man.'" There was this one point in the whole divine message which was kept back for later revelation, namely, the manner in which the mystery was to be brought about by the agency of the Holy Ghost Himself.

The Second Word

"And the Angel answering said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee . . .'"

The change which these words of the Angel had wrought in Mary cannot be described. Her soul became enwrapped with a most intense joy and gratitude and she no longer hesitated as to the course which the great mystery of the Incarnation was to take, and as to her immediate part and duty. And she uttered at once, words of the most perfect obedience, humility, charity, and joy, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." In the words, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord," Mary manifested her great humility, and readiness to serve God with all kinds and all degrees of service. In the words, "Be it done to me according to thy word,"

Mary showed her unequalled confidence, intense love and great hope in her Creator. "Behold" implies the complete and irrevocable manner of her surrender to God. "Be it done unto me according to thy word" signifies the depth of her faith in what God had promised.

The Third Word

The actual words used by Mary the first time she spoke to St. Elizabeth are not recorded. It is enough to know that they were words of salutation and of charitable and most loving congratulation. The salutation among the Jews was probably something like "God be with you," or "The Lord is with you," the simple prayer found frequently in the sacred liturgy.

When Mary did speak the words, "The Lord be with you," or others of the same import, they must have been a prayer that must have passed on from Elizabeth to the child in her womb, to Zachary, and to his whole household, imploring for them a participation in the fruits and the knowledge of the great grace which had come down upon the world.

The Fourth Word

The fourth Word of Mary is a canticle. Mary, wrapt in the most lofty contemplation, breaks out, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Her soul is full of the praises and glorification of God and of thanksgiving for the greatness of His benefits. She first speaks of God's great gift to herself in particular, then of the gifts and benefactions which are general to all, and then of the particular and special benefit and mercy to the world of the Incarnation.

The Fifth Word

The span of time between the fourth and fifth spoken Word of Mary is a long one. The Scriptures leave one to imagine what Mary might have said on the birth of St. John the Baptist, and during the blessed months which passed before the birth of Christ. Scripture records no words of Mary exchanged with St. Joseph. The mysteries of the Nativity, the Circumcision, the Purification, the Epiphany and subsequent mysteries pass over in silence. Our thoughts concerning Mary, as far as they are to be fed upon her own words, are confined to the one mystery which was the source and root of all her blessedness and glory, the mystery which made her the Mother of God.

It is not until the veil is lifted for a moment from the tranquil years of the Hidden Life that we have another Word of Mary. In this episode Mary directs her tender words to Christ. "Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing." In this Word, Mary does not speak of herself alone as having suffered keenly in consequence of the arrangement of Providence at which she wonders. Her heart forces to her lips the mention of him who, next to her Son, was dearest to her in the world, who had his own office and charge with respect to that Son, and who had shared her sorrow and now was to share again in her joy at the recovery of her treasure. The words sprang from her lips as a revelation of the habitual thoughts and ways of speaking in the Holy Family, in which St. Joseph was naturally addressed in that way by Our Lord.

The Sixth Word

The sixth Word of Mary is likewise directed to Christ — "They have no wine." This Word shows how tenderly Mary feels for human cares and miseries, and how lovingly she suggests them to the Good Lord that they may be relieved.

This, then, is a Word of admirable compassion and pity, and Mary, God's Mother and ours, the advocate both on earth and in heaven of man's poverty and feebleness, speaks like a true Mother.

Mary does not mean to bring man's miseries to Christ as if He did not know them. She speaks as a Mother, bringing them up constantly before Christ in the exercise of her intercession. The compassion of Mary was for the whole of mankind, whose needs were mystically pleaded in her touching words, "They have no wine."

The Seventh Word

"Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." The seventh Word of Mary is one of maternal exhortation. Mary enjoins on humanity to be very careful to do whatever Christ commands, whether in general or by any special precept. Mary, in her seventh Word, manifests her desire that all men should know Christ and obey Him, that all men carry out Christ's commandments and precepts to the full extent.

Mary's seventh Word, the last to be recorded, is spoken to the servants. These were representative in a special way of all those who like Mary are concerned in the great work for the glory of God which is forever going on in the Church — the conversion of sinners, the reclaiming of heretics, the enlightenment of those who do not know God, and the advance of those who do so to further knowledge of God.

Towards MARY WAY

JULY —

- 12 — Ties of friendship link again — Aspirants return from their vacation.
- 16 — Aspirants go for that natural suntan to God's "Blueberry Patch."
- 31 — We share in the adventures of "Captain January."

AUGUST —

- 1 — Wiener Roast — A farewell tip to the Seniors.
- 2 — "Those Convent Bells — How sweet they are!" Five Seniors happily accept the royal invitation of our Eucharistic King to come and follow Him.
- 12 — 700th anniversary of the death of St. Claire. All enjoy a delightful stroll around the banks of the Connecticut River.
- 30 — New faces; new looks; new friends. Freshmen aspirants join our rank.

SEPTEMBER —

- 3 — On-On-to the Berkshires we go to spend a pleasant day with the Marian Fathers.
- 4 — Warm greetings to Sister Mary Viterbia, our dear Sister Principal on her feastday.
- 9 — O.L.A. portals once again throw open its doors to the students.
- 15 — Feast of Our Lady of Seven Dolors—Students implore help of the Holy Spirit at the traditional Red Mass.
Aspirants greet their Directress, Sister Mary Doloria, with a delightful comedy.
- 19 — A delightful surprise — a grand treat — a movie — There's a Rainbow on the River.
- 21 — Angelites bubble with excitement — They tour the Eastern States Exposition grounds — They are honored to hear President Eisenhower speak.
- 25 — New registrants on trial for genuine sportsmanship. — I N I T I A T I O N.
- 28 — Students give a gay evening to their chaplain, Rev. Michael Gryglak on his feastday with a hilarious comedy.
- 30 — Mother Mary Simplicita, Superior General, comes to Enfield for a longer stay.

OCTOBER —

- 1 — Traveling Virgin begins her rounds to the students' homes.
- 2 — Juniors sponsor a sweet and gay "Get-Acquainted Party".
- 4 — Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. — Seniors with a bit of Franciscan joy and simplicity celebrate the Feast of their class patron.
- 10, 11, 12—Aspirants attend the CCD Congress in Springfield, Mass.
- 18 — Angelites take part at the Prayer Youth Rally in Windsor Locks, Conn.
- 19 — Senior-Freshman join friendly hands in a simple "Little Sisters Adoption Ceremony."
- 20 — Feastday Program honors the Honorary President, Mother Mary Laura on her Feastday. — Special Features "The Light of Umbria" and "The Rosary."
- 25 — Seniors take on responsibility of Catechists at Hazardville and Enfield Public Schools.
- 31 — Witches, ghosts, and goblins play hosts at the Halloween Party.

NOVEMBER —

- 1 — All Saints Day! Solemn Enthronement of the Enfield Province — Rev. Joseph Sielski, M.I.C., officiates.
- 7 — Every pine and fir and hemlock don a coat of pretty white.
- 11 — Angelites are awed by the most inspiring movie "Mary."
Stockbridge returns visit. Marian Seminarians enjoy a delightful Armistice Day.
- 15 — Open House. Academy doors are once again open to friends from far and near.
- 20 — Students commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pope Pius X's encyclical "Motu Proprio" with a special assembly.
- 21 — Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. — A special day at the Academy — the founding date of dear O.L.A.
- 23, 24, 25—Basking in the sunshine of Grace — RETREAT.
- 26 — Lord we thank Thee for Thy bountiful goodness. — Thanksgiving Day.
- 30 — Mother Mary Laura conveys to us GREAT NEWS — Blessed Mother shall begin her Marian Year with an ORATORY.

DECEMBER —

- 1 — We travel to Brazil via slide films through the courtesy of a LaSalette Missionary.
- 7 — Mother Mary Simplicita, Superior General, opens Marian Year with the official opening of the Oratory.
- 8 — The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Many friends visit our new Oratory.

- 10 — Eva Kirch, our exchange student, accepts invitation to speak to students at Enfield High.
- 23 — Christmas Vacation begins. Sophs sponsor a special program and throw a grand party.
- 24 — We experience a spiritual thrill of a Midnight Mass.
- 25 — Christus natus est nobis.
Venite adoremus!
Honorable Faculty pay us a friendly visit.
- 31 — We close the year of 1953 with a Holy Hour of prayer and hymns.

JANUARY —

- 1 — Ring out New Year bells with Marian Blessings!
- 4 — Classes resumed.
- 9 — An enjoyable movie — Five Little Peppers!
- 11 — No Session — Heavy snowfall!
- 17 — O.L.A. Choir accepts invitation to sing at 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Suffield, Conn.
- 26-29 — Mid-Year Examination Week!
- 30 — We witness a beautiful operetta "Hansel and Gretel" at Mt. St. Joseph's Academy, Hartford, Conn.

FEBRUARY —

- 2 — Feast of the Purification. Angelites renew Blue Army Pledges.
- 5 — Marian Library Circle begins its February program commemorating Catholic Press Month.
- 6 — Seniors begin the CCD Teacher Training Course in Hartford.
- 11 — Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. An inspiring movie — The White Angel.
- 15 — Senior Angelites offer their services to the O.L.A. Guild Card Party.
- 22 — Washington's Birthday — Winter Vacation begins.

MARCH —

- 1 — Ite ad Joseph. — Good St. Joseph pray for us!
- 2 — A Blessed Feast Day, Mother Mary Simplicita.
- 3 — Ash Wednesday — The Lenten season begins..
- 5 — Science students journey to Springfield to witness the Flower Show.
- 11 — Senior Christophers model a fashion show.
- 19 — Feast of St. Joseph, our great spiritual father, friend, and benefactor.

APRIL —

- 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 — Annual School Play — BARTER.
- 7 — Academy sends a delegation to UNESCO Convention in Storrs, Conn.
- 8-10 — Angelites merit "Honorable Mention" awards in three exhibits in the Fifth Annual Northern Connecticut Science Fair.
- 18 — Easter Happiness! The Risen Christ carries hope and peace into our hearts.

MAY —

- 1 — The Traveling Virgin begins her visits to the homes of student Angelites.
- 2 — Students tune in with a commemorative Music Week.
- 5 — Students participate in the impressive Ground Breaking Ceremony.
- 8 — O.L.A. representatives found on educational panel sponsored by the Hartford Courant at Hotel Bond, Hartford.
- 9 — Angelites merit "First Prize" Diocesan Labor Essay Awards — Lucy Szalan-kiewicz '55, First Prize — Senior Division; Barbara Keller '57, First Prize — Junior Division; Genevieve Rutkowska '55, Honorable Mention. C O N - G R A T U L A T I O N S !
- 10-12 — *Comprehensives* — Seat of Wisdom pray for us!
- 14 — Ring Day — A day full to the brim with joy and contentment.
Movie treat — Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 15 — Archdiocese of Hartford Mary Day! Angelites journey to take active part. Seniors leave for Washington Trip.
- 16 — Unveiling and blessing of the statue of St. Bernadette — Living Rosary before the Campus Grotto.
- 18 — St. Felix — Community Feast.
- 20 — Tired but happy Seniors return from Washington.
- 29 — Senior aspirants merit CCD Teacher Certificates.
- 29-31 — Windsor Locks Centennial — Jane Pastormerlo '54 elected the town's centennial queen.
- 30 — Silver Bells Ring! — Ad Multos Annos to the two faculty members!

JUNE —

- 1-3 — Days of final examinations!
- 6 — Commencement Day! Exercises before Our Lady of the Campus Grotto.
- 8 — Faculty Day! Roses of gratitude to our Honorable Faculty.
- 9 — Class Night — Farewell Alma Mater!
- 12 — School doors close for Graduates who continue along MARY WAY.
- 14 — Actual completion of the school year. Students detour to *Vacation Road*.



Mary, Our Strength, Our Power, Our Triumph

Mary's Immaculate Conception is not merely a mystery of stainless purity, it is likewise the mystery of triumph and victory over the archenemy of the human race, the "solitary boast" of that race in the face of the fallen Archangel. And what is this if it be not strength, power, and courage invincible? That is why in the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception the faithful pray: "O Lady, make haste to befriend me; from the hands of the enemy defend me."

The life of every true Christian is like the life of Christ, a struggle, a battle, a continued warfare — a warfare against the devil, the world, the flesh. Christ gave us the arms to fight this battle, namely, His grace conveyed to us through the channels of prayer and sacrament. Christ did not stop with the arms. He also gave us protection and refuge, shield and weapons of attack. He gave us Mary. Mary is our protection, our refuge, our shield, our weapon of attack. The name of Mary came from heaven, and when God gives a name, it is full of meaning, full of power. Mary signifies the Exalted, the Strong, the Mighty, the Lady.

Christ is our liege Lord, it is true, but Mary is His Mother. From her He has all His manhood. He loved, honored and obeyed her not only in the days of His Childhood and youth, but likewise throughout the years of His manhood. He resigned her in the moment of His death only to entrust her with carrying on the selfsame word for every man as she had done it for Him.

The name of Mary, therefore, is our weapon in our daily warfare. With the name of Mary we are able to conquer the devil, overcome the world, subdue the flesh. With good reason indeed does Sacred Scripture call her the "Valiant Woman," for she is the marshal of the armies of God Himself and the principal enemy of the infernal serpent.

When Mary appeared on earth in the unique character of the Immaculate Conception, what do we behold? She is crushing the head of the infernal serpent — she is carrying on victorious strife against the archenemy of God. When we glance at the first woman, Eve, what do we behold? In pleasant conversation with the devil, investigating with curiosity, complacently exchanging ideas with the enemy of her race, toying with temptation.

How often in the course of everyday we meet with temptation! At each occasion we have not only the opportunity but a duty of imitating God's Mother and ours. To do as Mary did, crush the head of the serpent, it requires every ounce of our fortitude coupled with the grace of God, to keep us ever faithful to the teachings of Christ and the exemplary life of His Mother and ours. There cannot be and may not be any compromise, any languid yielding to the wiles of the devil, the world and the flesh. Mary is the model of the strong unswerving character.

Devotion to Mary is above all, the mark of a soldier, a valiant man, a strong virile hero fighting for his Lord.

Many poets have envisioned Mary rightly in the role of the Valiant Woman. With hearts uplifted have cried aloud to her:

Mother of God! as evening falls
Upon the silent sea,
And shadows veil the mountain walls
We lift our soul to thee!
From lurking perils of the night,
The desert's hidden harms,
From plagues that waste, from blows that smite,
Defend thy men at arms!

Juniors



TOP ROW — left to right: Mary Esther Fahey, Leona Langlois, Eva Kirch, Carol May Quinn, Lucy Szalankiewicz, Joan Staniewicz, Barbara Glista, Agnes Kula, Dolores Musetti, Loretta St. Jean.
MIDDLE ROW: Joyce Sullivan, Frances Rybczyk, Jean Siemionko, Kathleen O'Donnell, Jean Cybulski, Joan Medulan, Sophie Bednarczyk, Theresa Lonsiak, Doris Pawelska.
BOTTOM ROW — left to right: Joan Burgess, Beverly Anderson, Janis Rose, Genevieve Rutkowska, Frances Janas, Dorothy Gallant.

Members of the Alpha Beta Science Club under the direction of Sister Mary Infanta busily preparing for the Fifth Annual Regional Science Fair.



Test time and yet at ease. Sister Mary Angelica smiles approvingly at the test attitude of her students.

American Literature students find pleasure to sing American folklore tunes to their German friend student.



Members of the Christopher Group model Mary-like fashions at the school assembly.

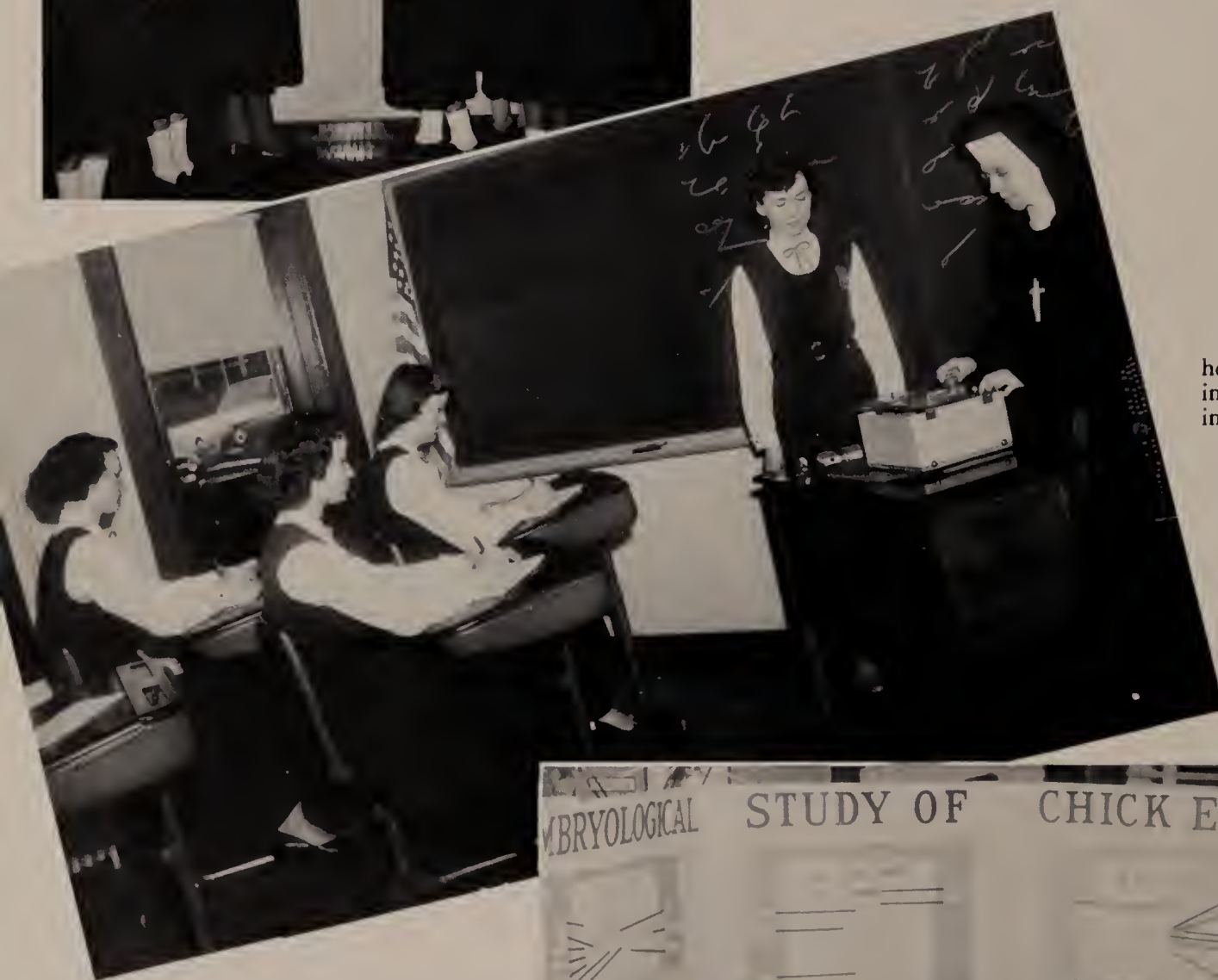
Sister Mary Archangela with her Latin students takes special interest in Junior Classical League literature.



Another Latin group at work with a crossword puzzle.



Sister Mary Virginia teaches her business students to take notes in a business way — via recording machine.



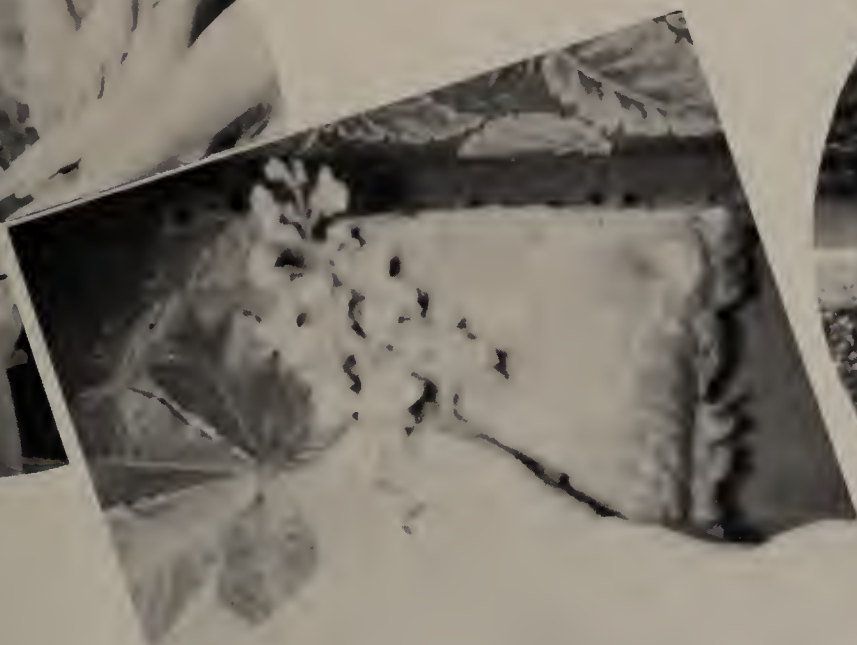
A "Biology Trio" busy at their task preparing the project of the embryological study of chick eggs for the Annual Science Fair.



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Loyalty



Mother Mary Laura presents Diocesan Labor Essay Awards to Top-Honor Essayists Barbara Keller and Lucy Szalankiewicz.



Flooded with
delight on

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A portion of
the Junior
Ring Day
procession
nearing the
chapel



Roses to you,
Dear Teachers.
Faculty Day!
The honorable
Faculty gives all
attention to the
student performers
on the Academy
campus



Juniors
sing
Happy
Birthday
to
Frances



Sophomores



Top Row — left to right: Patricia Yerbury, Joanne Zenzick, Marilyn Buckley, Charlotte Falkowski, Maureen Dunne, Dorothy Majeski, Joan Rogers, Margaret Lata.

Middle Row: Leona Legere, June Anderson, Rosalie Levesque, Stasia Perzan, Joan Lynskey, Mary Lou Gaudet, Jacqueline Labutis, Marilyn Barbieri.

Bottom Row: Clara Vella, Carol Wallace, Esther Walters, Catherine Smith, Constance Brzezniak.

Thinking and working
in circles and angles



Sister Mary Virginia gives last minute instructions to these eager typists who will tap-tap away in a speed test offering each stroke through Mary to Jesus.



A knowledge of the prefixes, suffixes, and roots that make up a great many Latin words help determine the meaning of a good proportion of the words given in vocabulary study. These Latin students are doing just that — BUILDING WORDS.

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.

Sister Mary Amadeus acquaints the American History students with some of the ways in which history enters in our daily life.



CHRISTMAS JOY
GLAD HEARTS
FRIENDLY LINKS
RELIGIOUS RESPECT
BUSINESS SKILLS



Economy-minded Sophomores consider the pros and cons of borrowing money from small loan companies to buy THAT Christmas gift.

Freshmen



Top Row — left to right: Donna Burgess, Genevieve Bocek, Carol Dawidowicz, Marlene Taravella, Judith Feld, Sarah Wallace, Dorothy Wlazlo, Judith Jedziniak, Betty Jane Murray, Shirley Fortier, Cynthia Buckland, Helen Siemionko. Middle Row: Rosemarie Peraro, Mary Ann Golden, Faith Ann Pellegrini, Jacqueline Conway, Dianne Skower, Joan Andronik, Maryann Kosinski, Virginia Ulitsch, Ann Flasinski, Patricia Dugas, Ednae Demers. Bottom Row: Carolyn Leroux, Doris Langlois, Margaret Page, Adelle Chwalek, Sabina Klamborowska, Helene Rybczyk, Carol Pastormerlo, Barbara Keller.

"What will faith bring you?" "Eternal life." Students of Religion I transferring their knowledge of the greatness of the Sacrament of Baptism in form of a project that others may see and believe.





Medieval Foundations of Western Civilizations — Sister Mary Amadeus guides this World History group in its study of the rising power and cultural development of France.



Out of the sixteenth century England into the twentieth century America — The Freshmen English Class put on a modern classroom production of *The Merchant of Venice*.



Expanding knowledge through computational skills and algebraic competence.



Group work at word building. As the students learn the meaning of Latin words, they add many new English words to their vocabulary.



On the Friendship Gift Exchange Line at Christmas Time.



Part of school sportsmanship — New registrants taken by surprise to meet the test of Initiation Rites.



Sister Mary Angelica stresses the human elements behind the buzzing wires — courtesy, helpfulness, responsibility.

Barter

Tenten Biblical Drama in 4 Acts
Enfield Town Hall, Enfield, Connecticut
April 4, 5, and 6, 1954





Mother Mary Annunciata
Provincial Superior
1932 - 1946



1944 ~ 1945

1944-1945 Mother Mary Annunciata, Provincial Superior, with her Council, makes the initial step to purchase the Graham Guest House and brings to existence Our Lady of the Angels Academy with three classrooms and one laboratory.

The first enrollment registers 17 girls.

That same year CU (Catholic University, Washington, D.C.) Affiliation is obtained.

1945-1946 Sister Mary Viterbia, Principal of the Academy, secures complete laboratory equipment.

Connecticut State Board grants its accreditation.

1946-1947 Academy library expands. Systematic reorganization is taken over by a trained librarian.

Mother Mary Catherine succeeds Mother Mary Annunciata as Honorary President.

1947-1948 The history and spirit of the Academy is enshrined into the SCHOOL SEAL.

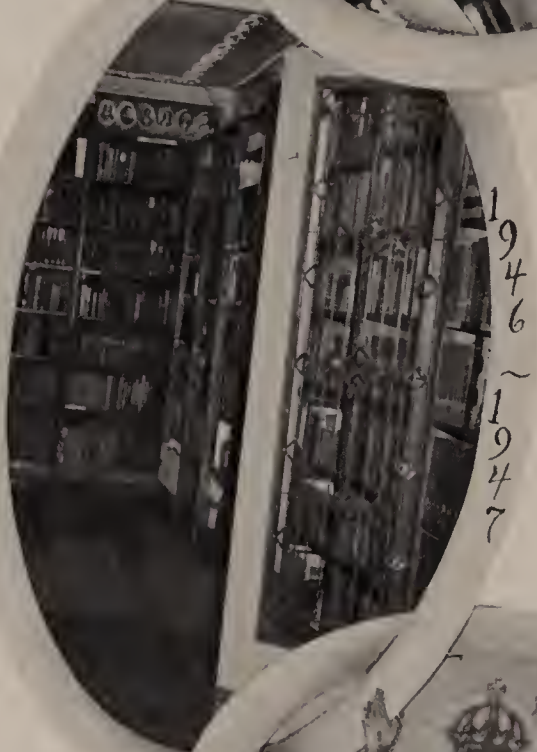
Solemn enthronement of the Sacred Heart by Rev. J. Luniewski, M.I.C., takes place on the Feast of Christ the King.

The Academy holds its first Annual Educational Open House.

1948-1949 A spacious campus garage is converted into a modern one-floor school building—THE FELICIAN HALL.



1945 ~ 1946



1946 ~ 1947



Enthronement
of the
Sacred
Heart

October 26,
1947

1947 ~ 1948



1948 ~ 1949

Mother Mary Catherine
Provincial Superior
1946 - 1953



Links of

Mother Mary Laura
Provincial Superior
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1953 ~ 1954



1952 ~ 1953

1949-1950 Our Lady's Grotto takes over an important spot on the school campus.

Commercial Department is added to the academy's educational curriculum.

1950-1951 A new school bus, *Christopher*, begins its school service.

Students join ranks of the Blue Army.

1951-1952 Walls of the Felician Hall are extended to include two large classrooms, office, and Nurse's Room.

1952-1953 Our Lady of the Angels Chapter of the Quill and Scroll Honorary Society is installed.

Seniors make first educational tour to Washington, D. C.

1953-1954 Mother Mary Laura succeeds Mother Mary Catherine as Honorary President.

Mother Mary Simplicita, Superior General, opens officially the Marian Year at Academy with the opening of a Blue-Room Oratory.

Another school bus, *Maria*, is put into service.

Academy registers 120 students and 10 faculty members.



1951 ~ 1952



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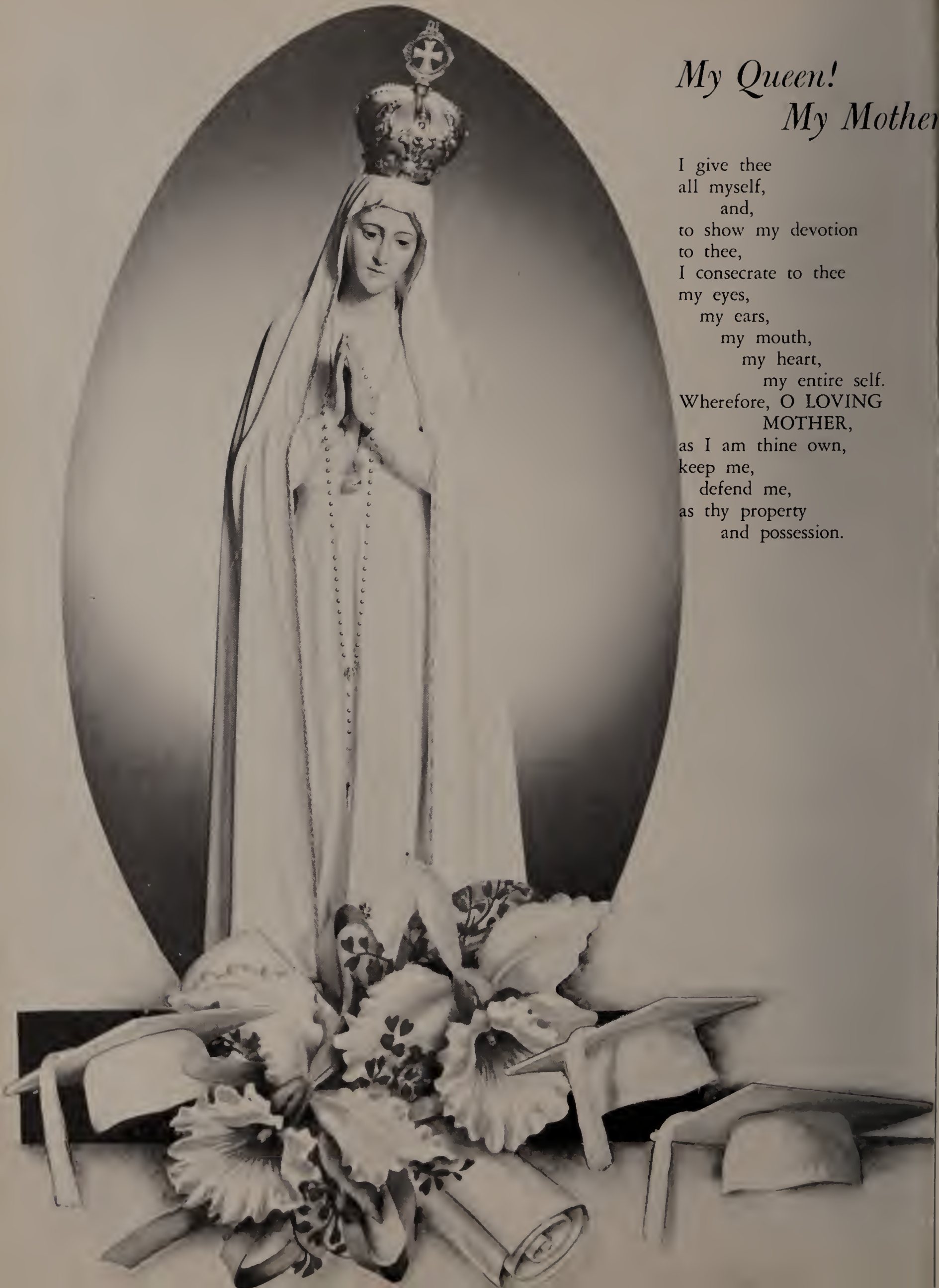


Sister Mary Viterbia
Principal
1944 -

Progress

My Queen!
My Mother

I give thee
all myself,
and,
to show my devotion
to thee,
I consecrate to thee
my eyes,
my ears,
my mouth,
my heart,
my entire self.
Wherefore, O LOVING
MOTHER,
as I am thine own,
keep me,
defend me,
as thy property
and possession.





Siostra Maria Ewelina podkreśla Internatkom głęboką treść Trenów Kochanowskiego.

„Świeć się, świeć się
wieku młody,
Ideale wiary, cnoty,
I miłości i swobody”

Internatki na wycieczce w Stockbridge, Massachusetts w towarzystwie Siostry Marii Dolorii, swej Dyrektorki, i Siostry Marii Lauretty, Asystenki Dyrektorki.



SWIĘTY PIUS X W SERCU POLAKA



Postać wielka, postać święta — Ks. Józef Sarto! nazwisko dla wielu dziś nic nie mówiące. A jednak — to postać wielka — postać święta w osobie następcy Chrystusa — Św. Piusa X, wyniesionego na ołtarze w Roku Maryjnym. Ten akt Kościoła Katolickiego daje polskiemu ludowi cierpiącemu w kajdanach niewoli najpewniejszą ufność, że mają nowego orędownika w niebie, bo Św. Pius X to umęczonej Polski wielki przyjaciel, ojciec i obrońca. Łączyły bowiem tego Świętego Papieża z umęczoną Polską serdeczne stosunki.

Święty Pius X został wyniesiony na tron Piotra św. 4-go sierpnia 1903 roku. Polska wówczas, tak jak i dzisiaj, żyła i cierpiała w okrutnych kajdanach niewoli. Od czasu jednakowoż kiedy Św. Pius X został koronowany tiarą papieską zjednał sobie serca całej Polski. Kochał bowiem Polskę i Polski lud, jak tylko ojciec kochać może. Wierny zaś lud Polski wiekopomną szczerością, przejęty do głębi dola Kościoła Katolickiego i Ojczyzny, ślubuje wierność Stolicy Apostolskiej. Píše wówczas episkopat Polski: — „Ślubujemy Ci, Ojcze Święty Piusie X, że żaden gwałt, żadna potęga ziemską, nie zdoła nas oderwać od wierności, jaką winniśmy Matce naszej Kościołowi świętemu . . . Zwracamy się do Ciebie, jako wierni synowie tych ojców, którzy krwi swej nie szczędzili w obronie wiary świętej.”

Świątobliwe i ojcowskie serce Papieża przyjmuje wyrazy hołdu i przywiązania ludu polskiego do Stolicy Św., i używa wszelkich starań, by wyrazić swoją miłość i swoje przywiązanie do bohaterskiego ludu polskiego. I tak, 1905 roku zwraca się do Polski tymi słowy:

„Nie ma chyba między wami jednego, który by nie wiedział, jak dalece ogarniamy miłością Naród Polski, albowiem żadnej nie ominęliśmy okazji, by tego widocznie nie zaznaczyć . . . Kto myślał zwrócić się do dziejów waszych, nie spotka wypadku, który by nie był chlubny dla Polski . . . Dla przodków waszych zawsze pozostanie ta chwala, że w obronie świętości katolickich, jako tarczę, stawiali serce swoje. Stąd pochodzi, że nazwy Polak i Katolik uważane są za równorzędne.”

Pięćdziesiąta rocznica ogłoszenia dogmatu o Niepokalanym Poczęciu ściąga pielgrzymów do Wiecznego Miasta. Podążyla i pielgrzymka polska do stóp Ojca chrześcijaństwa. Wita ją Pius X w pamiętny dzień Jego Imienin — 5 maja 1904 roku. Wita ją z pełną serdecznością, współczuciem iście ojcowskim. „Zaiste, gdy myśl naszą ku Ojczyźnie waszej zwracamy, doznajemy słodkiej pociechy z przeświadczenia o gorącej żarliwości, z jaką ojcowie wasi starali się okazać w szczególniejszy sposób Matce Najświętszej: zowiąc Ją pięknym mianem — Królowej Korony Polski . . . Jest niemożliwym, żeby kiedykolwiek miała oziębnać ta wasza miłość, z jaką dochowaliście wiary świętej, aż do przelewu krwi . . . Nie upadajcie na duchu, pamiętajcie chlubną przeszłość . . . Potomkom waszym pozostanie przykład łączenia miłości Ojczyzny z obroną wiary świętej.”

W następnym roku 1905 przybliży się Polski lud jeszcze więcej do Stolicy Piotra Św. z wyniesieniem na ołtarze umęczonego za wiarę Polaka Melchiora Grodzieckiego, zaś w 1909 roku św. Klemensa Marię Dworzaka, wielkiego apostoła Warszawy.

Niepodobieństwem byłoby detalicznie i dostatecznie opisać co Święty Pius X uczynił dla Polski, lecz złotymi zgłoskami zapisał się ten Święty Papież, wielki czciciel Maryi, w dziejach Jej kultu na ziemiach Polski.

Uspodobienie Piusa X względem polskiego ludu okazało się prawdziwie Maryjne. Za jego pozwoleniem dokonują się kolejno wspaniałe uroczystości koronacyjne poszczególnych obrazów Matki Bożej słynących cudami i łaskami. I tak: w roku 1904 dokonuje się uroczystego aktu koronacyjnego w Dzikowie, w 1905 — we Lwowie, w 1907 — Matki Boskiej Smętnej w Krakowie, w 1908 — w Tuligłowicach, w 1909 — w Kochawinie na Rusi Czerwonej, w 1913 — w Sulisławicach.

W roku 1904 specjalnym aktem uroczystym podnosi on świątynię jasnogórską do godności bazyliki, i ustanawia dla całego Kościoła Katolickiego dzień 26 sierpnia, jako uroczystość Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej.

W 1910 przysłał Św. Pius X przebogatą koronę, która była umieszczona uroczystie na cudownym obrazie Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej.

Ukoronowaniem tego stosunku — kochającego Maryję — papieża do Jej gorących czcicieli Polaków było jego zezwolenie na obchodzenia Jej święta, pod wezwaniem Królowej Korony Polski.

Gdzie się więc wierny lud Polski obrócił, widział cudowną postać Matki Bożej. Wpatrywał się w drogę Jej życia. Ona zaś była Mistrzynią polskich serc i umysłów i wychowała całe szeregi dusz bohatersko-szlachetnych i świętych.



W Tobie,
o
Maryjo,
zamknęłam
życie:
Ku Tobie
dusza
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Zacznijcie oczy moje chwalić Pannę Świętą,
 bo słowa ból niemił i poraził drętą,
 Idźcie więc nizać gwiazdy hen na szlak podniebny
 na różaniec radosny, bolesny, chwalebny
 Podnoście się od ziemi oczy zapłakane,
 gdzie gwiazdy świecą srebrne, złote i różane.

Oto białe zdrowaśki — srebrzyste motyle
 trzepocą światełkami na dróg mlecznych pyle.
 Różowe diamenty — kryształiczne, drżące
 jak ojczenaszki płoną zapałem kwitnące
 i jutrenka rozbłyska tęczą chryzolitów
 jak w triumfalnym Credo Iza — Amen zachwyty . . .

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GWIAZDA Z UMBRII (Święta Klara)



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PIEŚŃ ŻYCIA INTERNACKIEGO —
CANTEMUS DOMINO — ŚPIEWAJMY PANU!

Muzyka, śpiew . . . któż nie zna potęgi ich wpływu? Duszą śpiewu — to serce, to życie. Owoc tego ducha — to radość w Panu, radość, która prowadzi duszę poprzez wszelki trud do szczytów najwyższych, do czynów wzniosłych, czynów dziejowych, do czynów zaiste Bożych. Pieśń daje wprost żywe odczucie Boga, bo tutaj

„Duch się w harmonię męką nie układa,
By stanąć w pieśni, dość stanąć przed progiem;
Odetchnąć dosyć, by odetchnąć Bogiem!”

Życie dla Boga — to życie melodii, życie pieśni. Modlitwa z Bogiem — to odbłask radosnego życia, radosnej pieśni. Wieki nie zdołają przytłumić echa radosnego serca. Któż nie słyszał o radosnej pieśni Matki Niepokalanej — „Magnificat anima mea Dominum”? Któż nie słyszał o Św. Franciszku z Asyżu; on całe swoje życie opiewał na radosnej pieśni.

Do tej radosnej pieśni życia każda Internatka jest powołana. Idzie one śladem swej Matki Niepokalanej. Każdy więc jej krok, każda jej czynność rzuca tony tklive, tony radosne, tony melodyjne, tony przeplatane pieśnią Maryjną. Oto pieśń życia Internackiego!

“Kiedy ranne wstają zorze,” Internatki ze snu się budzą, szybko wstawają i “Już od rana rozśpiewana” jest “Cześć Maryi.” “Dnia każdego” pierwsze bowiem chwile są poświęcone Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi. Następnie do oratorium podążamy i swą Matuchnę pozdrowieniem Anielskim witamy “Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna, Pan z Tobą, błogosławionaś Ty między niewiastami i błogosławion owoc żywota Twego.” Po kilkukrotnym pozdrowieniu zanosimy prośbę, “Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesnymi teraz i w godzinę śmierci.” Dzwon klasztornej kaplicy zwołuje nas do uczestniczenia z Maryją w Ofierze Syna Bożego i tak szybkimi krokami dążymy “Po górach dolinach” do tej świątyni Pańskiej. W czasie zaś Mszy Św. zanosimy błagalny głos, aby nasza “Pani, w ofierze” wzięła serca nasze i poprzez Jej Niepokalane Serce ofiarowała je naszemu Niebieskiemu Ojcu.

Msza Św. skończona — udajemy się do swych obowiązków sprzątania. Nie zapominamy jednak o naszej Najdroższej Matce. Jej serce to serce Matki, które zawsze kocha, zatem i serca nasze dziecięce zawsze Ją kochają i przy codziennych zajęciach sprzątania śpiewają „Ciebie na wieki wychwalać będziemy.” Dzwonek szkolny to ton poważny, niekiedy zwiastujący trudy szkolne, lecz nas nic nie odstrasza. Przed pójściem do szkoły udajemy się do oratorium wołając „Nie opuszczaj nas, nie opuszczaj nas, Matko, nie opuszczaj nas.”

„Pieśnią wesela witamy” godzinę zakończenia lekcji dziennej, a uśmiechy nasze są wyrazem radości, gdy po szkole „Królowej Anielskiej śpiewamy” i „Tysiąc razy pozdrawiamy” różnymi melodiami Bożą Opatrzność za moc łask i błogosławieństw.

Stół nakryty, dzwonek dzwoni, który zdaje nam się mówić „Idźmy tulmy się jak dziatki.” Boża Opatrzność obdarzyła, by Jego dziatwa się nakarmiła, nasyciła, i obowiązek przygotowania do szkoły rzetelnie spełniła.

O godzinie 4:30 popołudniu, gdy „Anielską pieśń dzwon gra”, Internatki przyspieszają kroku i na zaproszenie Maryjnego dzwonka „Do Twej dążym kaplicy,” aby tam odmówić różaniec i radosną modlitwą „Zdrowaś Maryja” głosić światu „Triumf i cześć Maryi.”

A gdy „Cisza, wieczór już nadchodzi” stoimy oto . . . wsłuchane w echo melodii życia naszego i „Wszystkie nasze dzienne sprawy” poprzez Maryję Matkę Niepokalaną Bogu oddajemy ku wiecznej chwale.

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Cześć Matki Niepokalanej sięga niepamiętnych czasów. Świadczą o tem wspaniałe świątynie Pańskie, budowane pod wezwaniem Najświętszej Panny na samym początku przyjęcia chrześcijaństwa. Mieczysław I, który zaprowadził chrześcijaństwo w Polsce wybudował pierwszą świątynię katedralną w Gnieźnie pod wezwaniem „Królowej Niebios.” Z latami stanęły nie tylko po miastach katedry i kościoły, ale i po wioskach stanęły kościółki i kapliczki.

O niezwyklej czci ku Najświętszej Pannie świadczy również i to, że pierwsze słowo poezji polskiej jest zarazem pierwszym słowem czci dla Matki Zbawiciela. I jak pisze jeden wielki patriota Polski i czciciel Maryi, „jest to fakt zmiernie znamienity dla poezji polskiej, że poezja ta w przyszłości, w osobach najznakomitszych swych przedstawicieli ma obrać Królowę Niebios za swą patronkę, za swą mistrzynię.” Tym pierwszym słowem poezji polskiej jest „Bogarodzica-Dziewica.” Szczególnym nabożeństwem do Bogarodzicy odznaczały się szeregi wybitnych postaci, a za nimi tysiączna ludność i społeczeństwo polskie. Poeci poprzez setki lat śpiewali Jej cześć, a wierny lud obrał sobie za szczególne zadanie: kochać i chwalić swą Matkę Najświętszą.

Utworów poetyckich ku czci Maryi jest ogrom. Wystarczy wymienić kilka:

Bartłomiej Zimorowicz pisał „Hymny” na uroczyste święta Bogarodzicy. Są to hymny przepełnione serdecznością uczuć. Kiedy Bóg dotknął go utratą wszystkich czworga swych dzieci, dusza jego strapiona odzywa się słowy.

Ty nieumiejętnym radzisz,
Błędnych na drogę prowadzisz;
Chorym stajesz się lekarką,
Ubogim hojną szafarką.
Smutnych pocieszasz, wzgardzonych
Wywyższasz, szukasz zgubionych,
Grzeszącym upamiętanie,
Upornym dajesz uznanie.
Żaden człowiek próżno Ciebie
Nie wzywał w ciężkiej potrzebie;
Żaden nie jest opuszczony
We złym razie z Twojej strony.

O Wespazjanie Kochowskim można powiedzieć, że umiał on dobyć głębokich, a nawet wieszczów tonów, gdy cześć Matki Boskiej głosił.

Zacny i zasłużony Ks. Józef Załuski, biskup kijowski, był wielkim krzewicielem kultu Maryjnego. Za jego staraniem powstaje „Akademia Mariana” w Warszawie.

W poezji barskiej (Konfederacja barska) górującym tonem była ufność w pomoc Najśw. Panny i cześć dla Niej:

Zdaj się, Polaku, w opiekę Maryi,

Udaj się pod cień tej ślicznej Lili!
Onać największe przykrości osłodzi;
Przy Niej ci żadne nieszczęście nie szkodzi.

Kult Adama Mickiewicza, tego wielkiego poety i wieszczki Polski, to kult Maryjny. W poezji jego Matka Najświętsza występuje jako Matka Boga i Matka Narodu Polskiego, jako pocieszycielka i opiekunka Narodu, jako królowa kwiatów i roślin, łąk i pól, jako Dziewica Pięknej Miłości i Współczucia. Dla Mickiewicza Matka Najświętsza jest najwyższym wzorem, idealnym typem matki — Polki, matki bohaterów, patronką dającą natchnienie i pokrzepienie każdemu, kto chce być rycerzem zbawczej idei lub żołnierzem dobrej sprawy.

Wogóle kult Mickiewicza dla Najśw. Panny ma ogromne znaczenie pod względem moralnym. Rozlewa on w jego poezji tę czystość Maryjną i świeżość moralną, która jest podstawą zdrowego życia rodzinnego, a bez której to podstawy nie ma szczęśliwej przyszłości narodu.

Z pomiędzy tych, co za Mickiewiczem podnoszą głos ku czci Maryi, najznakomitsi są Bohdan Zaleski, Zygmunt Krasiński i Juliusz Słowacki.

Bohdan Zaleski uznaje siebie jako sługę Maryi i ku Jej czci tworzy cały szereg modlitw i hymnów. Zdawało mu się jednak, że w hymnach nie dość się jeszcze wypłacił swojej Pani i dlatego postanowił uczcić Ją większym opisowym poetmatem „Przenajświętsza Rodzina.” W utworze tym odbija się czysta, szlachetna i religijna dusza poety. W poezji Zaleskiego jest jakaś ludowa serdeczność i prostota w postaci Najświętszej Panny; jest to przede wszystkim matka cicha, pokorna, bolejąca matka Chrystusa i wszystkich cierpiących.

Zygmunt Krasiński kładzie Królowę Niebios na czele Narodu Polskiego. Ustami Niepokalanej pragnie dla narodu wymodlić u Boga uszlachetnienie dusz, oczyszczenie dusz z sobkostwa i napełnienie tychże dusz dobrą wolą.

Dla Juliusza Słowackiego tak, jak i dla Zygmunta Krasińskiego, Matka Najświętsza jest symbolem duchownego odrodzenia ludzkości. U Słowackiego jednak Najświętsza Panna jest przede wszystkim przedstawicielką zewnętrznej piękności dziewiczej. U Krasińskiego Bogarodzica jest przede wszystkim Królową Polski.

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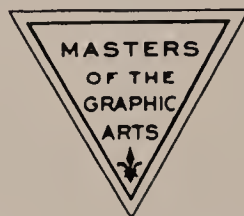
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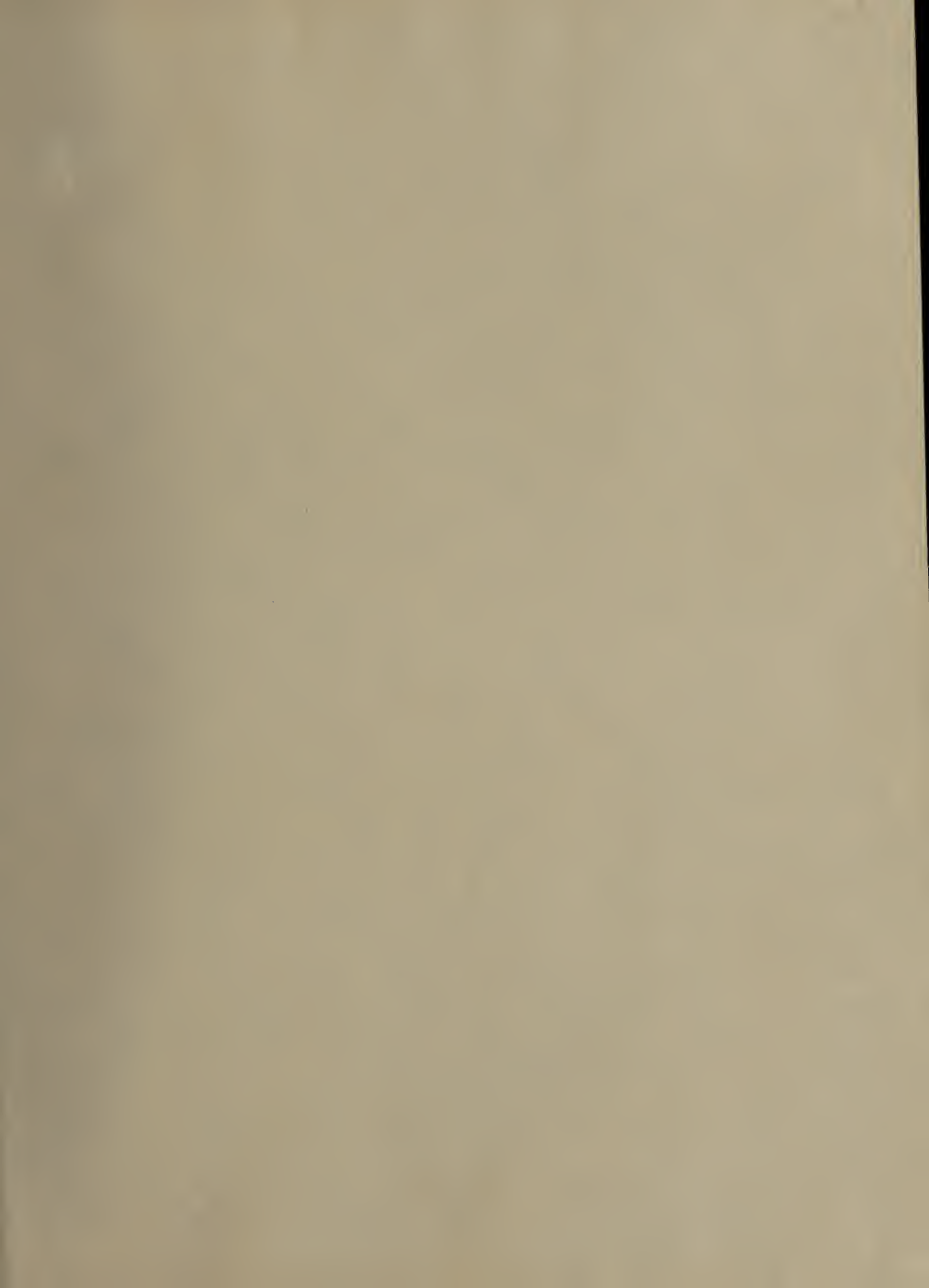
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